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1. EMBOFFS MET JAN 14 WITH REPRESENTATIVES URUGUAYAN CAMARA DE INDUSTRIAS, CAMARA NACIONAL DE COMERCIO, UNION DE EXPORTATDORES (AFFILIATED WITH FELACEX) AND CONSEJO INTERAMERICANO DE COMERCIO Y PRODUCCION. DISCUSSION DEALT WITH U.S. TRADE ACT SINCE THIS IS CURRENTLY OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST TO THEM. REACTIONS WERE GENERALLY MODERATE AND HELPFUL, AND EXPLANATIONS, BASED UPON INFORMATON PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, WERE APPRECIATED BY URUGUAYANS.

2. AS A RESULT OF THESE CONVERSATIONS, EMBASSY BELIEVES URUGUAYAN PRIVATE SECTOR REACTON WILL BE LOW KEY AND CRITICISM LIFTED TO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS AFFECTING URUGUAY, FOR EXAMPLE THE EXCLUSION OF FOOTWEAR FROM PREFERENCES. NEVERTHELESS, THEY

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INDICATED PRESSURE WILL PROBABLY INCREASE FOR SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELA

AND OTHERS IN THE NAME OF LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY. CAMARA DE INDUSTRIAS REPRESENTATIVE ASKED SOMEWHAT DRYLY WHERE THAT SOLIDARITY WAS WHEN URUGUAY NEEDED HELP WITH PETROLEUM PRICES.

3. UNION DE EXORTADORES REP SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED TELEX INVITATION TO FELACEX MEETING ON TRADE ACT IN CARACAS JAN 22. HE DESCRIBED FELACEX AS VENEZUELAN-LED ORGANIZATION AND ANTICIPATED IT WOULD TAKE A SHRILL STANCE. URUGUAYANS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ATTEND, OR WHAT POSITION TO TAKE.

4. REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN CHANGES MADE BY TRADE ACT IN COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW. EMBASSY BELIEVES DEPARTMENT'S DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION (PARTICULARLY EFFECT ON: A) NEW INVESTIGATIONS, B) PENDING CASES AND C) INTER-GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS) WOULD BE VERY USEFUL HERE AND TO OTHER LA POSTS PLEASE ADVISE.

5. URUGUAYAN REPS UNANAMOUSLY ASKED EMBOFFS FOR SPANISH TEXT OF COMPLETE LAW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST TO PROVIDE THIS RAPIDLY. RECOMMEND TO DEPARTMENT THAT EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS, EVEN THOUGH LENGTHY, BE CABLED AND FULL TEXT WITH TRANSLATION FOLLOW SOONEST.

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